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The region has great
rivers and broad flood-
plains. St. Louis is also
at the northeastern edge
of the Ozark bioregion,
which is known for its
crystal clear, spring-fed
streams, a region that helps

give Missouri the distinction as the state
with the most miles of rivers. The land in
this region of Missouri and Illinois is laced
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streams, floods,
riparian habitat, and
providing a supply of clean
drinking water as well as water for
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